the property to the concerned State by issuing eviction notices to the unauthorised concerned parties?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A plot of land measuring 1.5 acres in Srinivaspuri area was offered to the Government of Maharashtra in-lieu of Sirmur Plot as per Government policy. Government of Maharashtra represented that this plot was not acceptable to them and they were interested to get back the Sirmur plot.

(c) The Sirmur plot was taken back from Baroda Darbar by the Central Government during the 2nd World War and since then it is with the Central Governemnt and this plot is required by the Central Government for its own use. As per existing principle, Government of Maharashtra is entitled for 1.5 acres land in lieu of Sirmur plot.

Bungling and embezzlement by builders with plot holders

602. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS and EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in public interest Government have any control/check on cunning private builders/colonizers to protect hapless lower/middle class plot holders from being fleeced;

(b) whether Government have received complaints from the plot holders against M/s Durga Builders, 9 Scindia House, Connaught Place, New Dlehi for the Company's indulgence in embezzlement, cheating and forging in allotment, physical possession and registration of residential plots in Edenburg City (Okhla Enclave); and

(c) whether Government are aware of the irregularities being practiced by Durga Builders in giving allotment/physical possession of plots to the petty plot holders without obtaining "No Objection Certificate" from competent authority?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Land is a State subject. Licences for colonies etc. are granted by the concerned State Governments. As such, State Governments are competent to take requisite action in such matters. In this case, as per the information furnished by the State of Haryana, the Haryana Development & Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975 provides that any person desiring to carve out a residential/commercial/industrial colony in an urban area is required to obtain a licence from Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana. As per Rules, before the grant of licence, the coloniser is required to enter into a biliateral agreement with the Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana for carrying out and completion of development works. In case of contraventions of the prescribed conditions, the licence is liable to be cancelled by the Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana.

(b) and (c) The Government of Haryana had granted licences to M/s Durga Builders in the year 1991 and 1992. However, on receipt of complaints/contraventions of terms and conditions of licences, the licences of the coloniser were not renewed from 1993-94.

The Durga Builders Plot Holders Association filed writ pettions in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 7.4.97, the Department renewed the licences of the coloniser and have also revised the lay-out plan accommodating the petitioners.